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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 24, 1997

**REQUEST FOR FILING A FILE WRAPPER CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.62**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a **CONTINUATION** application under 37 CFR 1.62 of prior pending application:

Serial No: 08/393,677
Filed: February 24, 1995
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
Inventor(s): Hidehiko KIRA, Masanao FUJII, and Naoki ISHIKAWA

The above-identified prior application in which no payment of the issue fee, abandonment of, or termination of proceedings has occurred, is hereby expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this new application. Please use all contents of the prior application file wrapper, including the drawings, as the basic papers of the new application.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application as amended as follows:

1. XX Enter the amendment previously filed on May 30, 1997 under 37 CFR 1.116 but not entered in the prior application.
- 2a. — A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- 2b. — A preliminary amendment is intended to be filed within two months of the filing of this application.

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$770.00
Total Claims	10 - 20	0	x 22.00	
Independent Claims	2 - 3	0	x 80.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims			260.00	
Reduction by 1/2 for small entity				
Fee for recording enclosed Assignment				
TOTAL				\$770.00

3. XX Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$ 770.00 for the filing fee.

4. _ Please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340 in the amount of - to cover the filing fee. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

5. XX The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.01-2340. A duplicate of this sheet is attached.

6. _ A new oath or declaration is included since this application is a continuation-in-part which discloses and claims additional matters.

7. XX Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-This application is a _ continuation-in-part XX continuation _ division of application Serial No. 08/393,677 filed February 24, 1995, now abandoned.-

8. _ A Verified Statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 _ is enclosed _ was filed in prior application Serial No. on , and such status is still proper and desired.

9. XX Priority of Japanese application No. 6-088762 filed on April 26, 1994 is claimed under 35 USC 119.

10. XX The certified copy has been filed in prior application Serial No. 08/393,677.

11. XX An assignment of the prior application has been recorded at Reel 7392, Frame(s) 0608.

12. XX The power of attorney in the prior application is to: James E. Armstrong, III, Reg. No. 18,366, et al.

13. XX Appoint as associate attorneys/agents (if not already appointed)

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14. _ Applicants hereby petition that any outstanding period for response in the parent application be extended, if necessary, to the filing date of the present file wrapper continuing application. Please charge the fee for any such extension to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Also enclosed:

15. XX Address all future communications concerning this application to:

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It is understood that the secrecy under 35 USC 122 is hereby waived to the extent that if information or access is available to any one of the applications in the file wrapper of a 37 CFR 1.62 application be it either this application or a prior application in the same file wrapper, the Patent and Trademark Office may provide similar information or access to all the other applications in the same file wrapper.

Respectfully submitted,

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